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The Goose That Laid The Golden Eggs.Adapted by
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Scene: Aesop, an elderly man with white beard is seated on ~~some steps~~, *on a stone bench upon the portico of a villa* of ancient Greece, relating this story to a small boy. He moves his finger as he talks. TITLE - "Once Upon A Time-" Still talking, a small vision forms above the boys head, which enlarges, and fades into the full size picture.

Scene: A rude thatched house to one side with an open barn attached, a rude bench to one side, a pond is seen in the distance. A goose comes from behind house waddling from side to side and evidently in a hurry. It is chasing a flying insect and finally succeeds in grabbing it in her bill. After going thru motions of swallowing, she indicates her satisfaction by rolling her eyes. She then goes to her nest and settles in it.

The farmer's wife comes out of house with an earthen bowl in her hand. She scatters food from it over the ground. The goose's attention is attracted by this action. The goose turns head a little to one side, listens and loudly cackles, "Honk, Honk". She then jumps off nest and goes to food which she begins to eat. Woman walks to nest. She is astonished as her gaze falls upon a large glittering egg, and she cautiously reaches for it, and is almost afraid to touch it. The Goose waddles towards woman who is examining the egg which she holds in her hand. She calls to husband. TITLE-"Come, hither, quickly!" . The farmer enters hurriedly. Wife talks to him excitedly, and hands him the glittering egg. TITLE - "Behold." The farmer is very much sur-

prised, takes the egg and weighs it in his hands and talks, TITLE: "I believe tis gold." They are both very excited. The goose enters and cocks head to one side as she listens to conversation. They glance at goose once in a while. Woman says: "Hasten to the village and have it tested." The man puts the egg under his garment and starts up the path and disappears over the hill. He stops on his way to the village, looks about to see if he is observed, then takes the egg from under his garment, looks at it greedily, polishes it with his sleeve a few times, smiles with satisfaction at its sheen, replaces it under his cloak and proceeds on his way.

Scene: - Night. Interior of farmer's house. The woman ^{has} placed the goose comfortably on a cushion in an easy armchair and is fondling it, stroking it, fade out. TITLE: "The next morning." The woman emerges from house with goose under her arm. She places it in nest and lovingly strokes it. The goose swallows hard, closes its eyes at commencement of each stroke and laughs. It is tickled. The woman kisses it on the head. The farmer appears in the distance running excitedly toward house. As he enters courtyard, he places his hand to his cheek and calls to her. TITLE: "Gadzooks! Verily tis gold." The couple embrace with joy. The goose watches them from nest, cocks its head to one side as if listening, then cackles "Honk! Honk!" The goose leaves nest. This attracts the attention of the farmer and his wife, who are in high spirits over their good fortune. They go toward nest and see glistening another golden egg. Register great joy and run to it. The woman talks. TITLE: "Another golden egg." Couple take the egg and joyously seat

themselves upon the rude bench. They gaze and talk about the goose which waddles out of picture. Man says, TITLE "Yonder goose must be filled with gold." The wife agrees, nodding her head. She talks excitedly, "why not get it all at once and be rich?" The farmer's face lights up, he says, TITLE: "Yea, tis a wise thought." After talking about it - the farmer comes after the goose - which is near tree. It runs around tree and looks out from one side laughing. Farmer approaches tree and makes a number of efforts to capture goose. They circle the tree rapidly. The goose suddenly runs down toward pond. Man who has been circling tree discovers this and chases after it. They have quite a chase, the goose laughing and egging farmer on. Goose finally jumps into the water and cuts some saucy, tantalizing capers as the would-be captor gets down on his knees and tries to reach for it. The farmer makes one desperate lunge and falls full length into the pond .

The farmer goes down, the goose swims around on top looking for man, man appears toward middle of stream and finally succeeds in grabbing the goose by the neck. They both disappear under water. First, the farmer's legs are seen. He suddenly emerges, dragging goose carelessly by the neck.

Farmer approaches wife who is seated on bench. He holds up the goose by the neck. The goose lets out two "squaks", then a very small "squak", then a phantom goose rises heavenward with a harp. He hands the goose to his wife and says, TITLE: "Odsbodikins! She hath kicked the bucket!" Wife takes

goose joyously and smiling says, "Riches at last." Both are gleeful. They dance around in a circle. Man pulls knife from belt as they lay the goose upon the bench. Both stand over her, obstructing view. Man makes motion of arm, denoting dissection action. Suddenly the couple fall back greatly dismayed. Then they look closely at the goose with an expression of horror.

TITLE - "No GOLD."

They glare at each other, grate their teeth in anger and shake fingers at each other. Wife says, "Thou hast done this." Man says, "Nay, twas thy plan." Both burst into tears and scold each other, then say, "We have slain the goose that laid the golden eggs."

Above title dissolves to Aesop lecturing the youngster as he shakes his finger in warning. He says,

Moral

"Greed Kills Prosperity"

"Aesop" signature is signed underneath.

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